

BIGGEST FUSION ROW NOW OVER ALDERMEN

Prendergast Asks Bird to Withdraw Progressive Candidates.

COUNTY LEADER REFUSES.

Republican Desertion to McCall and Tammany Ticket Feared.

The sub-surface fight between the Republican and the Progressive fusionists which has been going on in the Aldermen and Assembly districts for two or three weeks broke into the open yesterday. Comptroller Prendergast, speaking from the standpoint of the fusion managers, appealed to Francis W. Bird, Progressive chairman, to withdraw his candidates for the Board of Aldermen where they split the opposition to Tammany.

Mr. Prendergast is a Progressive. His letter to Mr. Bird, though clearly an appeal for complete fusion, had the savor of one Progressive talking to another. Mr. Bird answered by pointing his thumb at the Republican and saying, "They're the ones you ought to blame."

Borough President McAneny also has had a quiet hand in the dispute. Without saying much about it, Mr. McAneny had a talk last week with Mr. Bird and made the same request that Mr. Prendergast made yesterday.

"I saw Mr. Bird," Mr. McAneny said yesterday, "and told him of the unwisdom of splitting the anti-Tammany strength in the Assembly and Aldermanic districts. I spoke especially of the Board of Aldermen, because that is the body over which I hope to preside during the next four years."

Cause of the Split.

The trouble, which has set the fusionists by the ears and threatens to turn many Republicans to Edward E. McCall for Mayor, arises from the fact that the Progressives have nominated candidates for the Assembly and the Board of Aldermen in many Republican districts, thus breaking the opposition to Tammany, and insuring the election of Tammany Aldermen and Assemblymen in normally anti-Tammany districts.

The Republicans are especially vexed over the Progressive tactics because they can see that they are getting much of anything out of fusion. The Progressives jammed John Purroy Mitchell, Progressives' candidate for Mayor, into the Republican ticket, and the Board of Aldermen in many Republican districts, thus breaking the opposition to Tammany, and insuring the election of Tammany Aldermen and Assemblymen in normally anti-Tammany districts.

The residue for the Republican organization was so slight that the party committee was on the verge of bolting fusion for weeks prior to primary day, and were only kept in line through the utmost efforts of the leaders. One argument which the leaders put out was that the Republicans would split the vote between the Board of Aldermen and the Assembly. Now it appears that the Progressives are jockeying them off the track there also.

Not in Love With Fusion.

Mr. Bird and the Progressive leaders, talking among themselves, have never expressed much enthusiasm for the fusion ticket. Mr. Bird has said again and again that it is preferable in his eyes to a Republican regime.

His actions have shown that his single object was to split the Republican party and reduce the vote below a change in his own and give the Progressives priority.

The nomination of John Purroy Mitchell accomplished his object as far as the Board of Aldermen is concerned, and in showing Progressive nominees for the Assembly and the Board of Aldermen into the Republican districts he approached his object still nearer. The result has been a complete split of the fusion leaders, who have tried to keep up the appearance of harmony. The visible result has been apathy in the strongest Republican district clubs.

Mr. Bird and other Progressive leaders have had the cordial approbation of Col. Roosevelt. The Six printed yesterday a letter from Col. Roosevelt saying that "we and we alone represent the people."

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Danger a Reality.

In his letter to Mr. Bird yesterday Mr. Prendergast said:

"In view of the separate nominations that have been made by the Republicans and Progressives in this city for Aldermen and Assemblymen there is no question that this danger is a reality. The Republicans and the Progressives are natural elements of a fusion movement against the common enemy, but the course now being followed simply means that the common enemy is being treated with common consideration."

"I write to you because it would appear that the Progressives can be justly held responsible in a number of cases for being willing to see the Tammany Assemblymen elected. This is unquestionably true in the cases of Aldermen Curran and Alderman Bolles, because these men, as well as others in the Board whose elections are now being impeded by the fusion movement, have given conspicuously good service and deserve reelection."

"If we are to have real fusion it should extend to nominations for all offices. The fusion movement is a reality. The fight for Progressive Assemblymen and hoped they would clean up "the two old parties."

The chairman of the county committee of New York county it seems to me that you have a very great responsibility."

Bird Takes Responsibility.

Before Mr. Bird replied to the Comptroller he said that he was the sole responsibility for the Progressive tactics. "THE EVENING SUN" has been calling upon Mr. Mitchell to explain certain acts of the Progressives regarding the nominations of Assemblymen and Aldermen in this county. As the head of the Progressive county organization I, and not Mr. Mitchell, am responsible for the acts of the Progressives in this county."

He would not refer to these baseless charges against the Progressive party save it not that they are being quite largely circulated by the reactionary Republican press."

In his letter he said:

"We have refused and we must refuse to endorse Republican candidates for Assembly because we are as much opposed to the Murphy Democratic machine as we are to the Murphy Democratic machine. I believe, and I think that the Progressives of this county believe, that the Murphy Democratic machine is in a close alliance with the Murphy Democratic machine to defeat Progressive legislation."

"The Progressive party in the Twenty-ninth Assembly district was willing to endorse Alderman Curran upon his agreeing to refrain from attacking the Progressive party. Mr. Curran refused. This was assented to by Alderman Folke of the Twenty-ninth Assembly district, who was endorsed by the Progressive party. We cannot, of course, endorse candidates."

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for Aldermen who insist upon, virulently attacking upon the stump.

"All we asked of Mr. Curran was that he remain neutral and confine himself to fusion issues. This, acting upon the direction of his Republican bosses, he refused. As a matter of fact the blame of electing a Tammany Hall Alderman, if one be elected, from the Twenty-ninth Assembly district rests upon the Republican organization and not upon the Progressive organization."

"Much the same is true in the Twenty-fourth Aldermanic district."

GAYNOR LEAGUE WINS A POINT.

Elections Board Must Show Cause for Rejecting Petition.

Supreme Court Justice Newburger granted yesterday an application of Charles M. Stafford, attorney for the Gaynor Independent League, for an order directing the Board of Elections to show cause to-day before Justice Pendleton why the board should not receive the Mayoralty nominating petition of the league, headed by E. J. Grechub, Herman Ridder and Charles M. Higgins.

The league's petition was presented to the Board of Elections on Wednesday with 10,000 signatures, but the board rejected it on the ground that since the petition nominates Mayor Gaynor, the death of the Mayor put an end to the league. The petition named a committee to fill any vacancy on the ticket, and Mr. Stafford contended that the committee has the right to fill this vacancy.

Political Calendar.

This is the first day of registration. Registry books in every election district will be open from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. Watchers working for the Home Ballot Association and the fusionists are expected to be on duty at the polling places at 6:30 A. M.

Congressman William M. Calder, Dr. Charles T. Davis and John J. Hopper will speak at 3:30 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in All Souls' Church, Ditmars and Ocean avenues, Brooklyn.

Women of the Progressive party will meet at 4 o'clock at State headquarters, 42 Washington Square west, to organize for work in the campaign. Progressive leaders will address them.

The Mitchell College Men's League will meet at 8 o'clock at the Putnam Building, Broadway and Forty-third street.

Mitchell's Voice Given Out.

John Purroy Mitchell's voice is in such bad shape that his doctors have refused to let him do any more talking for at least five days. Mr. Mitchell has been making four or five speeches a night most of the week this far and the strain has proved to be too great.

CYCLONE SWEEPS TWO TOWNS.

Broken Bow and Oconto, Neb., Are Devastated.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 9.—A cyclone struck the towns of Broken Bow and Oconto, Neb., at 6 o'clock to-night. A number of houses were wrecked at Oconto, but there was no loss of life.

All telegraphic and telephone communication at Broken Bow is out of and no information is obtainable.

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Gordon King, treasurer of the board of missions, told them the reason he couldn't tell them was that the collection was so large that all the busy counters who had been working since the offering was made hadn't been able to finish their job. Mr. King said last night that the counters had quit at 2 o'clock, tired out and that the announcement would be made at the opening session of the convention this morning.

The meeting of the women in Carnegie Hall was preceded by the triennial thanksgiving service in the Cathedral at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. More than 2,000 women crowded their way into the building. Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Greer, assisted by Dean Grosvenor, Bishop Arthur Nelson Lloyd, president of the board of missions, and the Rev. F. T. Little, the Rev. Arthur Burleson and the Rev. Arthur Gray, who are the secretaries of the church board of missions.

The collection was taken during the chanting of the Te Deum. It comprised the savings of the women's auxiliary during the last three years. In each diocese the women take their share of adding up from year to year the amount to be turned over to the treasurer of the diocese. The treasurer gathers it into one check and turns it in at the collection service. Of course there are many who give additional amounts.

This collection does not represent all their gifts. Last year, for example, they gave \$112,500 to the General Board and made many local gifts besides. The greater part of the offering is used to support women workers in mission fields. Thirty years ago, when the first offering was made, it amounted to \$2,000. Last year it was \$243,000.

Great Golden Basin Filled.

There was a scene to delight the eye of these earnest workers yesterday morning. The collection plates were passed around, filled and refilled. At the altar stood two men holding the great golden basin presented some years ago by Stanford University solely to receive this offering. When it was filled three men could barely sustain it.

Half a dozen other plates were filled and finally some one procured a bureau drawer and that was used also to hold checks there. The offering was a record for the diocese of highly denominated bills and actually quarts of gold.

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RUMORS OF COLONIZATION

Every Effort Must Be Made to Prevent Fraud, Says Mayor Kline.

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